

The second-degree amendment now before the Senate is not a bad amendment. I think the tax credit should be extended to sun and geothermal, but this extends it to wind. That is certainly a small bite of the apple that needs to be done.

I know the obligations and the burdens of the majority are difficult. We, not too long ago, were in the majority, and it is very hard to move legislation through this body. We need a vote on this overtime issue, and we hope and we are going to press as hard as we can to get a vote on it sometime in the near future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, there is no objection then?

Mr. REID. No objection whatsoever.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, let me say to my friend from Nevada, we fully understand the minority or, for that matter, any Member of the Senate has a right to offer a nongermane amendment to an underlying piece of legislation, but we had an unfortunate experience earlier this very week in which the offering and the adoption of amendments unrelated to the underlying bill ended up killing the bill that

both the Senator from Nevada and myself had hoped would pass.

We already had one vote on the overtime issue late last year. I do not know how many times the minority would like for us to repeat that vote.

It is the belief of this Senator that on a bipartisan basis Senator GRASSLEY and Senator BAUCUS would like to pass the FSC/ETI bill without any unrelated amendments on it. There is some resistance on this side of the aisle to repeatedly voting over and over again on amendments upon which we have already had a vote.

That having been said, I fully understand what the Senator is saying, that they would like to have a vote on the overtime issue. I don't think that is necessarily the view of everyone on that side of the aisle but may well be the view of the majority on that side of the aisle.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on Monday, the Senate will begin consideration of the budget resolution. Senator NICKLES and Senator CONRAD will be here on Monday morning to kick off the debate on that important matter and receive any amendments that may be offered on Monday.

It is the intention of the managers to have a full day of debate on the resolution during Monday's session. At this time, I will say that rollcall votes are possible Monday evening. A vote or votes may occur in relation to amendments on the budget resolution or judicial nominations. We will alert Members when a vote becomes locked in for a certain time.

I remind my colleagues that under budget procedures, there will be up to 50 hours of debate on the resolution, and we will complete action on the budget prior to adjourning for the March recess. Therefore, our colleagues should expect a very busy week next week with late night sessions and votes throughout the week. I encourage all Members to arrange their schedules accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:02 p.m. adjourned until Monday, March 8, 2004, at 12 noon.